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**CITY CLOSES TWO POD LOCATIONS, ONE EMERGENCY COOLING SHELTER**

**NEW ORLEANS, LA--**After reviewing usage statistics, the availability of retail stores that have reopened, and the percentage of power that has been restored to the area, the City and the National Guard will close two of the six Point of Distribution (POD) locations at 8:00 p.m. today. The New Orleans East and Tad Gormley Stadium sites will no longer be used for distribution.

The following four locations will remain open tomorrow:

- The Municipal Auditorium in Armstrong Park at 1451 Basin Street- NOTE: line up on Basin Street;
- Old Engine 31 in Venetian Isles at 4300 Alba Road
- 2730 Vespasian Blvd on the West Bank; and
- 700 Poland Avenue, the Port of Embarkation in the Bywater – NOTE: line up along Chartres Street.

The National Guard is continuing to operate the POD sites where citizens have been picking up critical supplies in the aftermath of Hurricane Isaac. POD sites are open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., or while daylight allows, until further notice. Sites will distribute water, ice, ready-to-eat meals (MREs) and tarps.

Individuals who drive up **MUST** remain in their vehicles to expedite the process. People without cars will be allowed to walk up to POD sites in a pedestrian lane.

The City is also closing the Dryades YMCA as an emergency cooling shelter. The St. Bernard Center at 1500 Lafreniere St. in Gentilly will continue to operate as an emergency cooling shelter.

Space is limited, so residents are asked to reserve space for those with the most critical needs, including the elderly, those with illnesses exacerbated by the heat, residents with children and residents with damage to their homes.

All persons should bring the following with them:



- Bedding, to include air mattress, blankets, pillows
- Snacks
- Medications

- Baby/ Children's supplies
- Hygiene Items
- Meals, if on a special diet

*Drugs, Alcohol, Weapons, and Pets are not allowed in shelters.*

Individuals who are electricity dependent or have medical needs and cannot care for themselves are asked to call 658-2500 to register for a separate medical special needs shelter in New Orleans.

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